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The Office Action mailed on November 20, 2001 and amendments suggested by the Examiner have been carefully reviewed. In response, Applicants request that the Examiner consider the following Amendments and Remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please amend claims 21, 26-28, 36 and 38 to read as follows.

(Amended) A foamed cement composition having a set pumping time and a quick set at temperatures as low as about 32°F comprising:

a calcium aluminate cement;

a set accelerating additive;

a retarder;

water in an amount sufficient to form a foam; and